

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**In re:  
TERRORIST ATTACKS ON  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

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**Relates to:  
03-MDL-1570 (GBD)(SN)**

**Plaintiffs(s),**

**-against-**

**The Republic of the Sudan,**

**Defendant.**

**SUDAN SHORT FORM  
COMPLAINT AND DEMAND  
FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

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Plaintiffs named herein by and through the undersigned counsel file this Short Form Complaint against Defendant, the Republic of the Sudan, arising out of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks (“September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks”), as permitted and approved by the Court’s Order of December \_\_\_, 2020, ECF No. \_\_\_\_\_. Each Plaintiff incorporates by reference the specific allegations, as indicated below, of (a) the Consolidated Amended Complaint as to the Republic of the Sudan (“SCAC”), ECF No. 6539, or (b) the *Ashton* Amended Complaint as to Sudan Defendants in *Ashton v. the Republic of the Sudan*, No. 02-CV-6977 (GBD)(SN), ECF No. 6537 (in 03-md-1570) (hereinafter “*Ashton* Sudan Amended Complaint”).

Upon filing this Sudan Short Form Complaint, each Plaintiff is deemed to have adopted all factual and jurisdictional allegations of the complaint that has been joined as specified below; all prior filings in connection with that complaint; and all prior Orders and rulings of the Court in connection with that complaint.

### **VENUE**

1. Venue in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(2) and 1391(f)(1), as a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in this district. Venue is also proper in this district pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2334(a).

### **JURISDICTION**

2. Jurisdiction is premised on the grounds set forth in the complaints specified below, and further, jurisdiction of this Sudan Short Form Complaint is premised upon and applicable to all defendants in this action:

- ☐ 28 U.S.C. § 1605(a)(5) (non-commercial tort exception)
- ☐ 28 U.S.C. § 1605B (Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act)
- ☐ 28 U.S.C. § 1330 (actions against foreign states)
- ☐ Other (set forth below the basis of any additional ground for jurisdiction and plead such in sufficient detail as per the FRCP): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

3. Each Plaintiff hereby adopts and incorporates herein by reference the following factual allegations, jurisdictional allegations, and jury trial demand in the following complaint [**check only one complaint**] and the following causes of action set forth in that complaint:

☐ **Consolidated Amended Complaint as to the Republic of the Sudan (“SCAC”), ECF No. 6539 (check all causes of action that apply):**

- ☐ COUNT I – Claims under Section 1605A(c) of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(c), on behalf of all Plaintiffs granted a private right of action under 28 U.S.C. § 1605A.<sup>1</sup>
- ☐ COUNT II – Claims under Section 1605A(d) of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1605A(d), on behalf of all Plaintiffs granted a private right of action under 28 U.S.C. § 1605A.<sup>2</sup>
- ☐ COUNT III – Aiding and Abetting and Conspiring with Al Qaeda to commit the September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks upon the United States in Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2333(d) (JASTA), on behalf of all “U.S. National” Plaintiffs.<sup>3</sup>
- ☐ COUNT IV – Aiding and Abetting and Conspiring with Al Qaeda to commit the September 11th Attacks upon the United States in Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2333(a), on behalf of all “U.S. National” Plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT V – Committing acts of international terrorism in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2333, on behalf of all “U.S. National” Plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT VI – Wrongful Death, on behalf of all plaintiffs bringing Wrongful Death claims.
- ☐ COUNT VII – Negligence, on behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT VIII – Survival, on behalf of all plaintiffs bringing wrongful death claims.
- ☐ COUNT IX – Alien Tort Claims Act, on behalf of all Alien National Plaintiffs.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1605A of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act grants a right of action to (1) nationals of the United States, (2) members of the armed forces, (3) employees of the U.S. government (including individuals performing a contract awarded by the U.S. Government) acting within the scope of employment, and legal representatives of persons described in (1), (2), or (3).

<sup>2</sup> See preceding footnote.

<sup>3</sup> The causes of action pursuant to the ATA, 18 U.S.C. § 2331 et seq., are asserted on behalf of plaintiffs who are U.S. nationals; estates, heirs, and survivors of U.S. nationals; U.S. nationals who are members of a putative class represented by such plaintiffs; plaintiffs who are subrogated to the rights of U.S. nationals who incurred physical injuries to property and related losses as a result of the September 11th attacks; and plaintiffs who are assignees of U.S. nationals killed or injured in the September 11th attacks. The term “U.S. National Plaintiffs” in the context claims under JASTA or the ATA refers to all such parties.

<sup>4</sup> The causes of action pursuant to the Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), 28 U.S.C. § 1350, are asserted on behalf of plaintiffs who are alien nationals; estates, heirs, and survivors of alien nationals who are not themselves U.S.

- ☐ COUNT X – Assault and Battery, on behalf of all plaintiffs bringing wrongful death and personal injury claims.
- ☐ COUNT XI – Conspiracy, on behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT XII – Aiding and Abetting, on behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT XIII – Negligent and/or intentional infliction of emotional distress on behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT XIV – Liability pursuant to Restatement (SECOND) of Torts § 317 and Restatement (THIRD) of Agency § 7.05: Supervising Employees and Agents, on behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT XV – Liability pursuant to Restatement (SECOND) of Torts § 317 and Restatement (THIRD) of Agency § 7.05: Hiring, Selecting, and Retaining Employees and Agents, on Behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT XVI – 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a)-(d) – Civil RICO, on behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ COUNT XVII – Trespass, on behalf of all plaintiffs asserting claims for property damage and economic injuries.
- ☐ COUNT XVIII – Violations of international law, on behalf of all plaintiffs.
- ☐ ***Ashton Sudan Amended Complaint, ECF No. 6537 (check all causes of action that apply):***
  - ☐ First Cause of Action to Recover Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Damages Pursuant to Section 1605A of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1605A.
  - ☐ Second Cause of Action to Recover Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Damages Pursuant to Section 1605B of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1605B (JASTA) and the Anti-Terrorism Acts.
  - ☐ Third Cause of Action for Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Injuries Pursuant to State Tort Law.
  - ☐ Fourth Cause of Action for Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Damages Pursuant to the Alien tort Claims Act.

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nationals; alien nationals who are members of a putative class represented by such plaintiffs; subrogated to the rights of alien nationals who incurred injuries to property and related losses as a result of the September 11th attacks; and assignees of alien nationals killed or injured in the September 11th attacks.

- ☐ Fifth Cause of Action for Punitive Damages.
- ☐ Sixth Cause of Action for Property Damage.
- ☐ **Each Plaintiff asserts the following additional theories and/or Causes of Action against the Republic of the Sudan:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF PLAINTIFFS**

4. The following allegations and information are alleged on behalf of each individual who is bringing this claim, as indicated on Appendix 1 to this Sudan Short Form Complaint, herein referred to as “Plaintiffs.”

- a. The citizenship/nationality of each Plaintiff is indicated at Appendix 1 to this Sudan Short Form Complaint.
- b. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages on the causes of action set forth in this Sudan Short Form Complaint.
- c. As indicated at Appendix 1, Plaintiff (i) is the estate representative of someone who was killed as a result of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks; (ii) is the surviving immediate family member of someone who was killed as a result of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks; and/or (iii) suffered physical injuries as a result of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks.
- d. For those Plaintiffs with personal injury claims, as indicated in Appendix 1, on or after September 11, 2001, said Plaintiff was present at the Pentagon and/or the World Trade Center site and/or its surroundings and/or lower Manhattan and/or at an area wherein he/she was exposed to toxins as a result of the terrorist attacks and was exposed to toxins from the attacks, and/or was otherwise injured, and/or as otherwise alleged, as stated specifically in Appendix 1.
- e. For those plaintiffs with personal injury and/or wrongful death claims, as indicated in Appendix 1, as a direct, proximate and foreseeable result of Defendant’s actions or inactions, Plaintiff or his or her decedent suffered bodily injury and/or death, and consequently economic and other losses, including but not limited to pain and suffering, emotional distress, psychological injuries, and loss of enjoyment of life, and/or as described in the

Sudan Short Form Complaint, and/or as otherwise may be specified in subsequent discovery proceedings, and/or as otherwise alleged in Appendix 1.

- f. The name, relationship to the injured and/or deceased September 11 victim, residency, citizenship/nationality, and the general nature of the claim for each plaintiff asserting wrongful death and/or solatium claims is listed on the attached Appendix 1, and is incorporated herein as allegations, with all allegations of the related complaints, as specified above, deemed alleged as to each Plaintiff.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEFENDANT**

5. The only Defendant named in this Sudan Short Form Complaint is the Republic of the Sudan.

#### **NO WAIVER OF OTHER CLAIMS**

6. By filing this Sudan Short Form Complaint, Plaintiff(s) is/are not waiving any right to file suit against any other potential defendants or parties.

7. By filing this Sudan Short Form Complaint, Plaintiff(s) are not opting out of any class that the Court may certify in the future.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

8. Each Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to the claims in this action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief and judgment against Defendant as set forth in this Sudan Short Form Complaint as appropriate.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

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COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS

**APPENDIX 1**

Each line below is deemed an allegation, incorporating the allegations, language, and references within the Iran Short Form Complaint to which this Appendix 1 is appended and shall be referenced as Allegation 1 of Appendix 1 to the Sudan Short Form Complaint, Allegation 2 of Appendix 1 to the Sudan Short Form Complaint, etc.

	<b>Plaintiff's Name (alphabetical by last name)</b>	<b>Plaintiff's State of Residency at filing (or death)</b>	<b>Plaintiff's Citizenship/ Nationality on 9/11/2001</b>	<b>9/11 Decedent's Full Name</b>	<b>Plaintiff's Relationship to 9/11 Decedent</b>	<b>9/11 Decedent's Citizenship/ Nationality on 9/11/2001</b>	<b>Nature of Claim (wrongful death, solatium, personal injury)</b>
1	Aron Betru	MD	US	Yeneneh Betru	Sibling	US	Solatium
2	Ruth Betru	MD	US	Yeneneh Betru	Sibling	US	Solatium
3	Sirak Betru, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Yeneneh Betru, deceased	CA	US	Yeneneh Betru	PR/Sibling	US	WD, Solatium
4	David Burford, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Christopher Burford, deceased	VA	US	Christopher Burford	PR/Parent	US	WD, Solatium
5	Vicki L. Burford	NC	US	Christopher Burford	Stepparent	US	Solatium
6	Ashley R. Calabro	NC	US	Christopher Burford	Sibling	US	Solatium
7	Amanda Martinez Diaz	FL	US	Nancy Diaz	Child	US	Solatium
8	Belkys Diaz	FL	US	Nancy Diaz	Sibling	US	Solatium
9	Carmen Diaz, individually, and as Co-Personal Representative	FL	US	Nancy Diaz	PR/Parent	US	WD, Solatium



	of the Estate of Nancy Diaz, deceased						
10	Leocadio Diaz, individually, and as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy Diaz, deceased	FL	US	Nancy Diaz	PR/Parent	US	WD, Solatium
11	Leonel Diaz	NY	US	Nancy Diaz	Sibling	US	Solatium
12	Andrew J. Fredericks	NY	US	Andrew Fredericks	Child	US	Solatium
13	Hayley Fredericks	NY	US	Andrew Fredericks	Child	US	Solatium
14	Michelle Fredericks, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Andrew Fredericks, deceased	NY	US	Andrew Fredericks	PR/Spouse	US	WD, Solatium
15	Holly Rae Harrell	NY	US	Stephen G. Harrell	Child	US	Solatium
16	Margaret Harrell, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Stephen G. Harrell, deceased	NY	US	Stephen G. Harrell	PR/Spouse	US	WD, Solatium
17	Jeremy M. Krist	NC	US	Christopher Burford	Stepsibling	US	Solatium

18	Barbara Lynch, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert W. O'Shea, deceased	FL	US	Robert W. O'Shea	PR/Spouse	US	WD, Solatium
19	Chris Maldonado	NY	US	Debora Maldonado	Child	US	Solatium
20	Krystal Maldonado	NY	US	Debora Maldonado	Child	US	Solatium
21	Otelio Maldonado, Jr., individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Debora Maldonado, deceased	NY	US	Debora Maldonado	PR/Spouse	US	WD, Solatium
22	Matthew Sherman	GA	US	Toyena C. Skinner	Child	US	Solatium
23	Jason Sherman, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Toyena C. Skinner, deceased	GA	US	Toyena C. Skinner	PR/Partner	US	WD, Solatium
24	Betru Tensay	MD	US	Yeneneh Betru	Parent	US	Solatium
25	Sara Tesheberu	MD	US	Yeneneh Betru	Parent	US	Solatium
26	Pamela J. Thornton	NC	US	Christopher Burford	Parent	US	Solatium

27	Jason Weinberg	NY	US	Steven Weinberg	Child	US	Solatium
28	Laurie Weinberg, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Steven Weinberg, deceased	NY	US	Steven Weinberg	PR/Spouse	US	WD, Solatium
29	Lindsay Weinberg	NY	US	Steven Weinberg	Child	US	Solatium
30	Samuel Weinberg	NY	US	Steven Weinberg	Child	US	Solatium